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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:



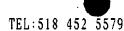
- 1. (Currently Amended) A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:

 means for a mast-attaching member configured to movably attaching attach) the bosun's chair to a mast;
- a brake for braking the mast-attaching member means for braking said means for movably-attaching-the-bosun's chair to the mast; and

means for supporting-at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair, wherein said brake means-for-braking-is configured to a slow a descent of the bosun's chair, in response to a failure of said means for supporting at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair, said means for braking brake being separate from said means for-supporting at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair.

2-3. (Canceled)

- 4. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said means for supporting at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair comprises a cord for supporting the bosun's chair.
- 5 (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 further comprising means for attaching the bosun's chair to said-means-for-movably attaching the bosun's chair to a mast mast-attaching member.
 - 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said means for braking brake comprises at least one friction pad.



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- 8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 further comprising means for maintaining said mast-attaching member means for movebly-attaching the-besun's chair to the mast-at an oblique angle relative to the mast when said means-for movably-attaching mast-attaching member is attached to the mast.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 further comprising means for inhibiting a side of said means for movably stracking the bostints-chair-to the mast-mast-attaching member adjacent to said brake means for braking from rising above a position substantially orthogonal to the mast when said means for mevably attaching-mast-attaching member is attached to the mast.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said means-for-movably attaching the bosun's-chair to the mast-semplises a mast-attaching member adapted is configured to conform to a shape of an outer surface of the mast.
- 11. (Original) The device of claim 10 wherein said mast-attaching member is openable to allow said member to substantially encircle the mast.
 - 12. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 10 further comprising:
 an activation member of said means-for-brakingbrake;
 means for attaching said activation member to the bosun's chair; and
 wherein said activation member is configured to cause said means-for braking
 brake to brake said mast-attaching member, in response to when a force being is
 applied to said activation member.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 12 wherein said activation member is configured to receive said force when said force results from a failure of said means for supporting at least one of raising and lowering the bosun's chair.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 12 wherein said activation member is adapted to pivot downwardly when a force is placed on said activation member by said means

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For attaching <u>mast-attaching member</u> and wherein said pivoting causes said means for braking <u>brake</u> to brake said mast-attaching member relative to the mast to operatively brake the bosun's chair.

16-19. (Canceled)

lack of the force.

(Withdrawn) A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising: a mast-attaching member movably attachable to a mast; a bosun's chair coupled to an activation member; a brake adapted to brake the bosun's chair relative to the mast; and said brake coupled to said activation member and said mast-attaching member, said activation member pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member and configured to cause said brake to contact the mast to slow a descent of said mast-attaching member and said bosun's chair in response to a force being placed on said activation member by said bosun's chair, said brake pivotally connected to said mast-

attaching member to allow movement of said mast-attaching member in response to a

- 21. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 20 further comprising an angle-maintaining member configured to maintain a first end of said mast-attaching member above a second end of said mast-attaching member.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 20 further comprising a cord connecting said bosun's chair to said activation member.
 - 23 (New) A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:

 a mast-attaching member movably attachable to a mast;

 an activation member connectable to a bosun's chair;

 a brake configured to brake the bosun's chair relative to the mast; and said brake coupled to said activation member and said mast-attaching member, said activation member pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member and configured to cause said brake to contact the mast to slow a descent of said mast-attaching member and the bosun's chair in response to said activation member being

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connected to the bosun's chair and a force being placed on said activation member by the bosun's chair, said brake pivotally connected to said mast-attaching member to allow movement of said mast-attaching member in response to a lack of the force.

- 24. (New) The device of claim 23 further comprising an angle-maintaining member configured to maintain a first end of said mast-attaching member above a second end of said mast-attaching member.
- 25. (New) The device of claim 23 further comprising a cord connecting said bosun's chair to said activation member.